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TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/RA - FRANK C. BENNETT

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### 1. TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE LEARNED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS PATT DERIAN PLANS TO PAY BRIEF  
VISITS TO A NUMBER OF EA COUNTRIES IN CONJUNCTION WITH HER  
PARTICIPATION IN THE EA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN  
HONG KONG. HER PLANS CURRENTLY CALL FOR VISITS TO JAKARTA,  
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BANGKOK, SINGAPORE, MANILA AND SEOUL IN THE PERIOD JANUARY  
8-19. A DRAFT TELEGRAM CONCERNING HER VISIT IS UNDERGOING  
CLEARANCE NOW AND SHOULD BE GOING OUT TO THE FIELD SHORTLY.

### 2. THE GA APPROACHES ITS CLOSE (CONFIDENTIAL)

WHILE THE FINAL ASSESSMENTS OF THIS GA ARE NOT YET IN, THE

GENERAL REACTION SO FAR SEEMS TO BE THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE, WITH MARKEDLY LESS

CONFRONTATION AND A SIGNIFICANT WILLINGNESS TO REACH ACCOMMODATION ON A NUMBER OF THE ISSUES. THE US ATTITUDE AND THE DESIRE OF A NUMBER OF UN MEMBERS TO LET THE NEW ADMINISTRATION HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STAKE OUT DIFFERENT POSITIONS VERY LIKELY CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL TO THE HAPPIER SETTING THIS YEAR. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF US POLICY. IF THESE CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIALLY MET WE MAY SEE A REVERSION TO THE PRESSURES OF FORMER YEARS.

ON EA ISSUES, THE FACT THAT THE SECRETARY AND YOU COULD SEE SO MANY OF THE ASIAN LEADERS IN NEW YORK PROVIDED A GOOD FOUNDATION FOR WORKING WITH ASIANS AT THIS GA. HOWEVER, IN CONTRAST TO SO MANY PAST ASSEMBLIES THIS ONE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT AN ASIAN ORIENTED MEETING. OF NOTE, HOWEVER, WAS THE FACT THAT THE VIETNAMESE, IN CONTRAST TO MOST NEW MEMBERS, PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE AND VISIBLE ROLE FROM THE OUTSET (PEKING, FOR EXAMPLE, BEGAN ITS PARTICIPATION EXCEEDINGLY SLOWLY AND ADOPTED A FAIRLY LOW-KEY POSTURE FOR A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD). THE BLOCKING OF THE PHILIPPINE INVITATION TO THE NEXT GA TOOK AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT, DESPITE THE WIDE-SPREAD BEHIND-THE-SCENES OPPOSITION TO MANILA'S BID. THE GUAM ISSUE, WHICH HELD THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SEEDS FOR A FULL-BLOWN CONFRONTATION WAS RESOLVED MOST SATISFACTORILY BY A CONSENSUS DECISION. AND AS FOR TIMOR, THE VOTE WAS SLIGHTLY IMPROVED, FROM THE INDONESIAN POINT OF VIEW, OVER THAT OF LAST YEAR. ACTION UNDER THE ASIAN ITEM ON THE COMPOSITION OF UN BODIES WAS PUT OFF UNTIL NEXT YEAR. WHILE WE ARE HOME FREE FOR THE TIME BEING, THIS PROPOSAL, LOOKING TOWARD GREATER ASIAN REPRESENTATION ON UN BODIES, HOLDS CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS FOR THE FUTURE.

### 3. AUSTRALIAN ENERGY RESOLUTION (OUR REPORT OF NOVEMBER 30) (UNCLASSIFIED)

ON DECEMBER 13 THE AUSTRALIANS DECIDED NOT TO PRESS THEIR RESOLUTION ON AN ENERGY DIALOGUE AT THIS SESSION. THEY CITED THE LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR PROPOSED TEXT.

### 4. HUMAN RIGHTS: IFI LOAN DECISIONS (CONFIDENTIAL)

A WORKING GROUP MEETING WAS HELD DEC. 15 WHICH CONSIDERED A \$55 MILLION IBRD LOAN TO THE MIDDLE INDUSTRIES BANK OF SOUTH KOREA FOR RELENDING TO SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED BUSI-

NESSES. THE WORKING GROUP COULD NOT REACH A CONSENSUS, AND THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME BEFORE THE IBRD MET TO CALL A FULL MEETING OF THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE (IGHRFA),

THEREFORE WE DRAFTED AND COORDINATED A DECISION MEMORANDUM INCORPORATING THE IBRD LOAN AND THE ADB MINERALS RESOURCES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE LOAN WHICH HAD EARLIER BEEN POSTPONED WHEN WE INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO ABSTAIN. A MEETING WAS HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON IN THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS THE TWO LOANS. AT THE END OF THE MEETING HE DECIDED WE SHOULD ABSTAIN ON THE LOANS BECAUSE THEY DID NOT MEET BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CRITERIA. TREASURY ASKED FOR A RECLAMA ON THE IBRD LOAN (WHICH EA, EB AND TREASURY BELIEVE DOES MEET BHN CRITERIA). A MEETING IS BEING HELD  
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AT THIS WRITING TO HEAR TREASURY'S CASE.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS: PRESS REPORTS (UNCLASSIFIED)

STORIES APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON POST DEC. 17 AND IN THE NEW YORK TIMES DEC. 18 REPORTING ON THE INTERAGENCY PROCESS FOR APPLYING U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND IFI'S. THE NYT STORY BY SETH KING STATED THAT: "PRESIDENT CARTER'S AVOWED INTENTION OF USING U.S. FOREIGN AID AS A FORM OF SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAD SOME SUCCESS THIS WEEK. INDONESIA AND GUINEA AGREED TO ACCEPT A NEW HR-CLAUSE IN THE FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM..." KING ALSO REPORTED THAT "SO FAR THE COUNTRIES DESIGNATED AS "TROUBLESOME" ARE GUINEA, INDONESIA, BANGLADESH, SOUTH KOREA AND ZAIRE." THE TEXT OF THE NYT STORY HAS BEEN SENT TO THE FIELD BY USIA'S WIRELESS FILE.

6. EA/NEA LABOR OFFICERS' CONFERENCE (UNCLASSIFIED)

AN EA/NEA LABOR OFFICERS' CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD IN NEW DELHI MARCH 13-17. DON HARRIS HAS WRITTEN TO ALL EA LABOR ATTACHES AND LABOR REPORTING OFFICERS TO GIVE THEM PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF THE CONFERENCE AND TO SOLICIT THEIR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGENDA AND FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFERENCE. DON PLANS TO VISIT SEVERAL EA POSTS WHILE EN-ROUTE TO THE CONFERENCE. IT IS PROBABLE THAT AN INVITATION WILL BE EXTENDED TO YOU TO VISIT THE CONFERENCE AND TALK TO THE PARTICIPANTS. AT THE LAST SUCH CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI THE DEPARTMENT WAS POORLY REPRESENTED SO FAR AS ATTENDANCE BY SENIOR OFFICERS WAS CONCERNED. LABOR SENT THEIR NUMBER TWO RANKING OFFICER AND A HOST OF LOWER RANKING OFFICERS INCLUDING DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY SAMUEL VANCE  
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